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Cover Picture

SOME of the many activities and attractions of Polk County, the third to be featured in The Federation News, are shown on this month's cover. In the upper left corner is Jackson Smith of Augusta, Ga., one of the young riders in the 1953 Tryon Horse and Hound Show. Perhaps the county's top scenic attraction; Pearson's Falls maintained by the Tryon Garden Club is pictured in the top center. At the right is Miss Linda Horne of Polk County, with a Guernsey calf given her under the county 4-H Club calf chain program. The calf is from Eskdale Farms and was sired by Riegeldale Ben's Bright Lad 401024. One of the most attractive plants to be found anywhere is the Hatch Mill at Columbus, N. C., pictured at the bottom. It manufactures lorette, and ships over 50,000 yards of this material each week to garment manufacturers all over the country. For more on Polk County turn to Page 4.

MADE A DIRECTOR

Cromer Nicholson, Manager of the Federation Freezer Locker Plant in Asheville, was recently elected a director of the N. C. Frozen Foods Locker Association at a meeting held in High Point, N. C., on April 21. He will serve in this capacity for one year.

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News From The Front

By James G. K. McClure

Polk County

READERS of The Farmers Federation News will be greatly interested in the story of Polk County which our editor, Bob Beard, has written for this issue of The News. Polk County was incorporated in 1846.

Mr. McClure

It is a county of fine people. Famous for its citizens and famous for its thermal belt, it is probably the most cosmopolitan county in the State of North Carolina. Many of the residents, charmed by the climate and the hospitable atmosphere of the people, have come from the West and the North to settle in Polk County.

Recently a highly progressive industrial development has taken place. Everything the people of Polk County do, they do well. We are happy to dedicate this issue to the people of Polk County.

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We Want Better Schools

WHAT we want in the mountains is the very best schools for our children. We want high schools with all the school facilities, such as good Physics laboratories and good Chemistry laboratories. We want high schools that will have enough teachers so they can offer a wide range of studies to enable every boy and girl to follow his or her own taste and bent. That is the way to develop young people—give them an opportunity to develop their own bent and talent.

Now the bigger the high school, the more varied the opportunities that can be offered to boys and girls. For that reason, we must plan in Western North Carolina to pull together the largest number of pupils possible in our high schools.

We can have in Western North Carolina some of the very top high schools in the entire United States. But we can achieve this only if we bring a great many children together and have a large enough faculty to offer courses in the new fields that are opening up in our civilization. There are some wonderfully fine rural high schools in the United States, but so far we do not have any rural high schools in Western North Carolina that are as good as we should have for our children.

If we plan carefully and arrange for big high schools with strong faculties in our mountains, we can offer our children the best education possible in the United States.

Are You Growing Broilers?

HERE is a chance to make some money. Every farm should have two or three different projects. Then if one hits a bad market, perhaps the other will hit a good market.

The broiler business is a real opportunity for us here in the mountains. The Farmers Federation is in the process of increasing our poultry processing plant so that we can market 80,000 broilers a week. That means that many a farmer can put in a broiler house knowing that he has a market. If there are any vacant buildings on the farm, it will pay to look them over, repair them and get into the poultry business. Many a farmer will have time this year to build a broiler house. As a sideline, a house for 3,000 broilers is a mighty helpful thing on the farm. If a man wants to do nothing but raise broilers, he should have a 10,000-bird house. In many respects, however, it is better to have the broilers as a sideline and have a house for three to four or five thousand broilers. This means added money on the farm. Poultry manure also helps to build up the farm.

See the manager of any Farmers Federation Warehouse, or call Perry Greene or Ernest Walker if you want to get into the broiler business.

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Buncombe County Tobacco Growers

DON'T miss the chance the P.M.A. is giving us to get insurance on our burley tobacco. Buncombe is the only county in Western North Carolina which is being offered this privilege. If the Buncombe producers participate fully in this program this year, we hope it may be extended to all Western North Carolina next year.

So this is to urge all Buncombe County tobacco growers to go in and see the P.M.A. and take out insurance on the burley crop. It does not cost much, and remember that hail may strike any place in Buncombe County and this could ruin your crop. And in a number of places high water may catch you and drown you out. So get in and see Miss Fox up at P.M.A. and take out some insurance. This may help us all over Western North Carolina.

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Lost Money Last Year

MANY a farmer lost money last year because he did not plant his full allotment of burley tobacco. Hundreds of thousands of dollars — even millions — were lost because farmers did not plant their full allotments in 1952.

Tobacco is about the highest price cash crop per acre, and we want to emphasize that every acre of allotment should be planted this year.

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Are You Registering Your Artificial Calves?

THE American Breeders are offering a new service. They call it their identification service. It is like registration. That is, you can have your calves, which have been sired by bulls at the Southeastern or the American Breeders, identified and receive a certificate. This will be a great help to every dairyman when he wants to sell his heifer calves. They will be identified in this way, and you can show the buyer just what the sire was and show the milk inheritance that the heifer has.

The technicians in each county will know all about this, and we suggest that every dairyman have his heifers that are artificially bred identified in this way.

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Biggest Month Yet

IN volume of sales, March was the biggest month the Farmers Federation has ever had. Starting in a small way, the Farmers Federation has kept steadily growing. It has kept developing one project after another, and our business has kept growing. In March our sales ran over $762,000.00. This is the best record the Farmers Federation has ever made.

We appeal to our members and friends to keep our business moving along, and bring in friends and neighbors to trade with us. Remember as we increase our business, we will also be increasing marketing services to the farmers of Western North Carolina.

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An Opportunity In Turkeys

TURKEYS present a real opportunity for a cash crop on our farms in the mountains. Although there was last year a small overproduction of turkeys in the United States, there was no over-production in Western North Carolina. We don't even grow enough turkeys to feed ourselves. Turkeys are a nice extra crop on the farm. It is summer work and is all closed out before Christmas. All those raising turkeys for the Farmers Federation have made money. No one should consider less than 500 turkeys. A thousand is even better. Turkeys present a nice opportunity for an extra cash crop on many a farm in the mountains. See Perry Greene or your warehouse manager if you want to get in on this turkey project.

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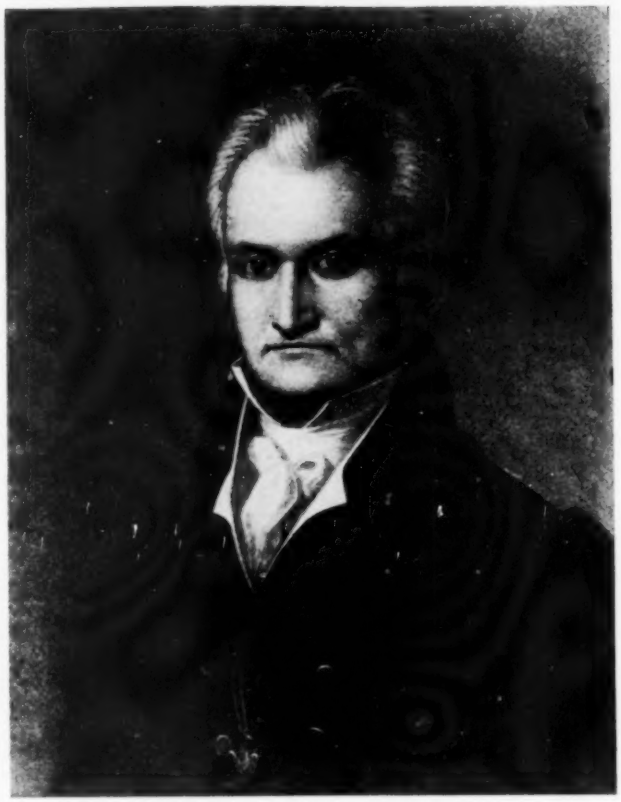
POLK COUNTY — ENCHANTING LAND OF WORK AND PLAY

THERE may be some people who think a thermal belt is something that pertains to a certain kind of apparel worn about the waist. Probably the best way to have them correct this impression would be to suggest a visit to Polk County, North Carolina, a land of work and play, which is nationally famous for a peculiar climatic phenomenon which keeps the weather temperate and mild throughout the year.

The U. S. Weather Bureau explains the controversial thermal belt this way: "A combination of atmospheric conditions which tend to cause the temperature on the slope of a mountain to be from one to fourteen degrees higher than at the top of the mountain or bottom." Perhaps the county's biggest attraction, the thermal belt is largely responsible for making the area truly a progressive vacationland, a place which not only ranks as one of the most popular tourist resorts in America but also shows evidence of having made outstanding progress in such fields as industry, agriculture, education, and community development.

Founded In 1855

It took two acts of the legislature to make Polk County official. In 1847 an act was passed establishing a county to be made up from Rutherford and Henderson Counties, but it was repealed in 1848 and the land returned to those two counties. In 1855 a similar act was passed, and this time it remained on the books. Henderson and Polk Counties had boundary troubles around the turn of the century. It was reported in a 1903 legislative act that "citizens living in the immediate vicinity of the line are unable to determine where they shall exercise their rights of citizenship." This same act provided for the establishment of permanent "monuments" on the line once it had been agreeably settled.



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Named For Revolutionary War Hero

Polk County was named for Colonel William Polk, a Revolutionary War hero, who was wounded in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, and Eutaw. The first court was held in the home of George J. Mills before the county courthouse was built. The Act of 1855 provided for the appointment of commissioners to secure sites for public buildings and lay out a county seat to be named Columbus in honor of Doctor Columbus Mills, a member of the General Assembly that created Polk County. The town was laid off a half mile north, east, south and west of the present courthouse square.

The brick county courthouse with classic portico was built at Columbus 94 years ago and still houses most of the chief administrative offices of Polk County. Visitors journeying through Columbus will find this well-known landmark in a remarkable state of preservation considering its many years of service. The bricks used in its construction were made by slave labor, and a few years after

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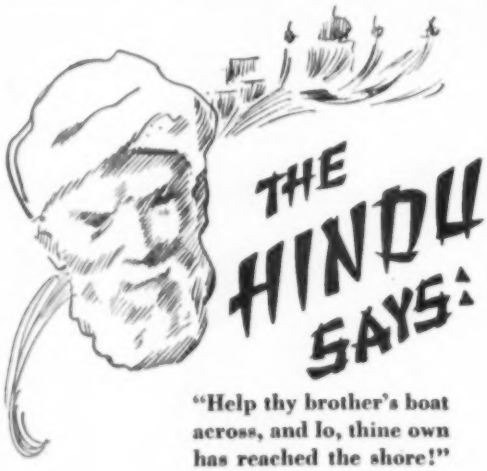

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The Tryon Hound Show is considered to be the second most important hound show in the country. Derby Males under two years of age are being judged above at this year's show which was held at Harmon Field in Tryon on April 15, 1953.

The Mill Springs School serves about 350 elementary students and 175 high school students. Principal S. L. Walkowicz, 10 elementary school teachers and eight high school teachers are responsible for making it a fine example of Polk County's progress in education.

its completion in 1859 Yankee soldiers used the building as a campsite. The exterior of the courthouse is virtually the same as when it was completed while the interior was renovated in 1926.

Over 300 Confederate Soldiers

Polk County was just getting itself set up when war broke out between the North and South in 1861. Many men from the county answered the call to the Stars and Bars, and the record shows that over 300 wore the Confederate gray uniform. Absence of these fighting men retarded the growth and development of the newly formed county, as did wartime desolation and postwar poverty, and it wasn't until construction began on the Asheville-Spartanburg Railroad in 1876 that signs of progress became evident. The building of this railroad is a fascinating story in itself and cannot be told at this time. By 1877 the road was completed from Spartanburg to Tryon, and by 1885 one could ride all the way to Asheville.

The completion of this railroad was of great significance to Polk County's future popularity. It opened up the county to travelers, tourists, businessmen, farmers, and all others looking for new territory in which to settle. During the 1880s word of the unusual all-year climate became widespread, principally through writers like R. H. Edmonds, Editor of The Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, Md., who wrote: "Reverently I have often thought that while the Creator could have made a more delightful climate than that enjoyed by this county, surely He has never done so."

Influx Of Celebrities

A number of famous people discovered Polk County at this time, and many of them became permanently settled in the county. Leader of this infiltration was Sidney Lanier, the famous poet, who moved to Lynn and died there in 1881. A complete list of celebrities who have visited or lived in the county at one time or another would be too long to reproduce here, but included among them are temperance leader, Susan B. Anthony; radio commentator, H. V. Kaltenborn; playwright, Joseph Pulitzer; historian, Charles A. Beard; actress, Katherine Cornell; actors, William Gillette and David Niven; and authors, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Margaret Culkin Banning.

After the establishment of Columbus, the county seat, other towns were founded in the 1880s. Saluda was chartered in 1885 and laid out in a square mile with the railroad as its center. About 2,100 feet above sea-level, the town was named for the Saluda River which in turn was named for an Indian Chief whose tribe lived near the river. J. Lee Hart and Andrew Tanner, who were associated with the building of the Asheville-Spartanburg Railroad, were among the first residents. Known primarily as a summer resort, Saluda is at the top of the steepest railroad grade east of the Rockies and was visited by people in horse-drawn vehicles before the

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The Cashiers Valley Trout Farm is the site of this operation where facilities have been built to breed and hatch over a million rainbow, brook and brown trout in a year. For farmers with streams and ponds on their land trout fishing is not only a welcome diversion from the day's chores but also serves a practical purpose by helping feed the family. Tourist resort operators find that well-stocked lakes and rivers draw anglers from all over the country. Both public and private waters are served by this trout farm which is in its first year of business.

"There were several difficulties we had to overcome in getting started," explained Bill Holley, Manager of the Trout Farm, "and probably the biggest was going into an untried business in the South where the market was uncertain." It was a gamble, but business has been brisk so far this spring, and indications are that it will be steady throughout the late spring and summer. Other difficulties included the type of fish to stock, the number to stock, and the job of fish culture combined with construction problems which had to be solved without a mistake so that the water supply would never be cut off once the fish were in the tanks. Careful appraisal of market possibilities, a good deal of ingenuity, and plenty of hard work overcame these problems, and a glance over the whole operation will convince any visitor that commercial trout hatching is here to stay.

How It Was Done

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These figures represent the fertilizer removed from the soil by harvesting the crop and does not represent the amount necessary to grow the crop. For higher yields and more profit follow extension service recommendations as to analysis and rate of application. Their recommendations are conservative and in many instances application of fertilizer in greater amounts may be increasingly profitable.

Many farmers are taking advantage of savings made by using higher analysis feritlizer. For many years fertilizers containing less than 20 units of available nutrients were used. Less than 20 percent of these materials were plant food, the remainder fillers such as sand, peanut hulls, lime or other fillers. The farmers paid the cost of extra bags, labor for handling and freight charges for the extra filler. The manufacturer can give the farmer more for his money if he will use higher analysis fertilizers. The nutrient ratio would be the same for the different crops and the farmer would have to apply fewer pounds per acre of the higher grade fertilizers.

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Poor farm management for generations has tended to deplete our soil. More nutrients have been removed from the land than have been replaced, and consequently, our soils have become depleted in fertility. Corn for instance removes 47 pounds of nitrogen, 20 pounds of phosphorus (P_2O_5), and 11 pounds of potash (K_2O) when the yield is 50 bushels per acre. To replace the nutrients removed by a 50-bushel corn crop it would be necessary to apply 200 pounds of a 5-10-5 fertilizer plus 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate. Alfalfa yielding three tons of hay would remove 143 pounds of nitrogen, 32 pounds of (P_2O_5) and 134 pounds of (K_2O). To replace the fertilizer removed it would be necessary to apply 500 pounds of an 0-9-27 fertilizer plus a considerable amount nitrogen.

These figures represent the fertilizer removed from the soil by harvesting the crop and does not represent the amount necessary to grow the crop. For higher yields and more profit follow extension service recommendations as to analysis and rate of application. Their recommendations are conservative and in many instances application of fertilizer in greater amounts may be increasingly profitable.

Many farmers are taking advantage of savings made by using higher analysis feritlizer. For many years fertilizers containing less than 20 units of available nutrients were used. Less than 20 percent of these materials were plant food, the remainder fillers such as sand, peanut hulls, lime or other fillers. The farmers paid the cost of extra bags, labor for handling and freight charges for the extra filler. The manufacturer can give the farmer more for his money if he will use higher analysis fertilizers. The nutrient ratio would be the same for the different crops and the farmer would have to apply fewer pounds per acre of the higher grade fertilizers.

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Garden Notes

By Mrs. C. C. Proffitt - Asheville Garden Club

"THE world's a paradise today! 'tis hard to think Heaven can possess more beauty or more loveliness than the earth in May."

May, the most beautiful month of the year, is also one of the busiest months in the garden, and the wise gardener is the one who gets all he can done early, because, before long, it will be too late for planting this season.

Seeds

Last month, we planted most of our annual seeds in the cold frame or flats, but there is still time to sow outdoors all warm-loving plants like Zinnias, Marigolds, Cosmos and Nasturtiums, which germinate quickly when the ground is warm and come along as fast as if planted much earlier, when the ground was cold.

Secure any perennial and biennial seeds you wish to plant so that you can sow them when the cold frame and flats are empty of the annuals by the end of the month or first of June. This is preferred to later planting as you get better germination while the weather is still cool and have larger plants to put out in the fall. Pansies are an exception, which are best planted in August when the main heat of the summer is past.

Plants

This is a busy month for putting out all bedding plants into their permanent places since danger of frost is past. Some of these you may have raised yourself from seed in the coldframe; others, you may have kept over winter, as cuttings, like Geranium, Sultana, Boston Daisy, etc., and still others bought from the nursery. Care should be taken as to when and how to plant these tender bedding and pot plants outdoors. If possible, choose a still, cloudy day, or late afternoon, watering well and pulling up the dry dirt afterwards around each plant. In case you have to plant in the hot sun, shading will be necessary.

House plants that have been indoors all winter should be put first on a protected, shady porch or terrace before putting in full sun, as they scald easily when so tender. Most house plants with the exception of African Violets, Philodendron, and Ivy, benefit by spending the summer outdoors in a protected area. Some are used in porch or window boxes or on the terrace.

Most perennial plants were divided and reset last month but a few fall-blooming ones like Chrysanthemums and Hardy Asters are divided and reset the first of this month, in well prepared beds into which plenty of manure has been worked.

Violets, having finished blooming, may be divided now and replanted in a well-fertilized, semi-shady spot that will insure better bloom next spring. A little sand added to the soil is advisable.

Bulbs

Finish planting all summer-flowering bulbs and tubers like Dahlias, Tuberoses, Montbretias, Peruvian Daffodils (Ismene), Caladiums, Cannas, Tuberous Begonias, and Gladiolus—with successive planting of the latter at two weeks' intervals up to the middle of June.

Bulbs that have already bloomed, like Narcissus and Tulips, may be lifted if they need to be moved as soon as the foliage has turned yellow, otherwise, work around them, and plant such annuals as Petunias, Phlox, Drummondi, Ageratum, etc., between them to take over for the rest of the summer.

Insects And Diseases

The first insects usually to appear in the spring are the Green and Black Aphids which feed on the tender tip-end shoots of such plants as Roses and 'Mums. These may be easily killed by spraying with a nicotine solution such as Black Leaf 40. To discourage them, scatter tobacco dust around plants early in the season. For Root Aphids, which attack Asters, put tobacco dust in the holes before setting out plants.

Be on the lookout for Cutworms and Snails or Slugs which may do great damage to tender young plants. Use a prepared poison bait for Cutworms and Snarol for Snails.

As soon as "Glads" are about six inches tall, begin spraying with D.D.T. Solution to control Thrip.

Other plants like Roses that are subject to leaf diseases—Black Spot and Mildew—should be dusted or sprayed every seven or ten days with a good fungicide like Fermate and Sulphur. There are several all-purpose sprays and dusts on the market that are supposed to take care of both insects and diseases.

Garden Maintenance

As the season progresses the garden will require more general upkeeps to keep it looking well-

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railroad was built. Today it is the site of numerous camps and contains all kinds of recreational facilities and activities for summer visitors, including tennis, golf, hiking, fishing, and other sports. Industrially the section around Saluda is known for fine craftsmanship and offers good locations for light industry. Many apple orchards are located near the town, and Saluda apples which are picked as early as August are reputed to be among the highest quality produced anywhere. Saluda's healthy climate was responsible for the building of Baby Hospitals which have been located in the town for 25 years.

Mill Springs

Also chartered in 1885 was Mill Springs, a small community named for Marville Mills whose mill was located near the Basin Spring. He was the grandson of Revolutionary War hero, Colonel Ambrose Mills, and his father, William Mills, was said to be the first white man to settle in what was later known as Henderson County. Early residents of Mill Springs included O. J. Nelson, the first mayor, and J. P. Arledge, who served as Superior Court Clerk in Polk County. Doctor H. H. Edwards, who began practicing medicine in Mill Springs in 1902, served for a period as the first manager of an organization which was called, strangely enough, the Farmers Federation. Two famous families well-known to residents of the town are the Waldrops and the Edwards who were among the town's early settlers.

Tryon Largest Town

Bounded by Henderson and Rutherford Counties and the State of South Carolina, Polk County encompasses 234 square miles and contains a population of over 12,000 people. Largest town with a population of 2,200 is Tryon, the famous resort center founded in 1885 and named for Tryon Mountain which in turn was named for William Tryon, British Governor of the North Carolina Colony in 1756. Tryon County which was originally named for the Governor was abolished in 1779 when British royal authority was overthrown but the mountain retained his name. Tryon was almost given the name of Skyuka, the friendly Indian who aided Captain Thomas Howard in defeating a hostile band of Cherokee Indians during the Battle of Round Mountain in 1776.

First mayor of Tryon and one of its loyal pioneers was T. T. Ballenger, who was elected to the State Senate and served as trustee at North Carolina State College. He was a fighter for effective laws to help the town grow, and he was particularly instrumental in aiding the development of good schools in the county. One of the most forward-looking administrators of his time, Ballenger deserves much credit for the town's rapid growth and development after its founding.

Tryon's scenic location at an altitude of 1,500 feet, its friendly people, its varied industry, its complete recreational facilities, and its ever-present welcome mat, all have made many visitors become permanent residents, and the number of distinguished people who vacation or maintain homes around Tryon is considerable. Several of these people were mentioned earlier, and a carefully compiled list of notables who have found Tryon to their liking would read like a Who's Who in America.

A Tourist Resort

As a tourist resort Tryon became popular back in the Gay Nineties, particularly after the establishment of the Asheville-Spartanburg Railroad. Today it offers every popular form of recreation there is with principal interest centering on golf, tennis, riding, hiking, and water sports. Tryon's social calendar operates the year around but hits its peak in the spring when the Hunter Trials, Block House Steeplechase, Horse Show, Dog Show and Gymkhana are held. Sponsor of most of these events is the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club which was founded in

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Shown in the background above is the Polk County Courthouse built in 1859. In the foreground is a monument dedicated to Polk County men who lost their lives in the first World War.

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Woman's Page

BY MRS. S. C. CLAPP

How Does Your Money Behave?

WE continue to hear about high prices, the high cost of living, high taxes and many other things that cause us to worry about stretching the family dollar. Successful spending requires much clear thinking and continuous planning because seldom does an individual or a family have all the money needed. Everyone has to learn to spend whatever amount he has to the best advantage. Success or failure in living often depends on the way one closes the gap between income and needs and desires.

Most of us know the amount of money a family has isn't the key to happiness and success. A sense of security, of being part of the family group and loved sincerely, is more important than a dozen bank accounts. When a child feels true security in the family circle, it will be easier for him to find his peace in the community with friends and school companions. His feelings about money and spending will not be a reflection of unhappiness but will be quite normal.

Money management has to be learned just as writing and arithmetic are learned. It takes time and experience to acquire the art of wise spending and many adults would be happier if they had learned it during the long years of growing up. Children should be given an opportunity to handle money so that they can learn to do it. Then as they become adults they will know how to stretch the dollar. This is how we learn to make our money behave.

First we want to take stock and see what we have, what we expect to get and when we expect to get it. Include any income values, such as food from the garden, milk, eggs and other produce. Then put "first things first." We know that we have basic expenses, such as taxes, rents, home payments, groceries, insurance, hospitalization, debts and other things, such as our tithes and contributions to charity. This is the heaviest part of a family's expenditures. Then if we do not have enough for other essential needs, our standard of living is too high for our incomes.

It is suggested that every family should set aside savings regularly to equal two or three months' income for emergencies. Then follow this up with a pay as you go plan. It is easier to worry about having nothing than it is to worry about trying to meet bills. It is so easy to buy on the installment plan that people are overloaded with monthly bills before they realize that it becomes such a burden.

Here are some suggestions for making money behave:

1. Tackle the job of spending, with confidence, determination and use of the "know-how" you can get.
2. Do not make investments without consulting authorities.
3. Deal with reputable merchants.
4. Decide how much you can afford to spend.
5. Read labels—learn facts or ask for facts.
6. Choose according to your special needs.
7. Fit purchases into your life plan.
8. Plan to pay debts.
9. Don't keep up with the Jones.
10. Live within your means.
11. Be ready to meet emergencies.
12. Enlist the complete cooperation of the entire family.
13. Remember, money can't buy the best things.

Did You Know That?

If you have an old coat for a child, that it can be brightened up and made to look different with a large white cape collar fitted under the smaller collar? It gives it an appearance of spring.

That shorter hair or hair done with an up-sweep is more flattering to the woman who is past forty? It tends to counteract the droopy lines of the face.

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1 minced garlic clove (if wanted).
1 cup chopped green pepper.
1 pound ground beef.
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1½ teaspoons chili powder.
1 No. 2 Can kidney beans.
1½ teaspoons salt.

Melt fat in a frying pan. Brown onion and garlic—add green pepper and ground beef. Brown and stir for ten minutes. Add tomatoes, chili powder, beans and salt and cook for two hours.

Iced Cocoa

¼ cup cocoa.
½ cup sugar.
1 cup water.
4 cups milk.

Combine cocoa and sugar in sauce pan, add water slowly and stir until smooth. Heat milk in top of double boiler and add cocoa mixture. Chill thoroughly. Pour into tall glasses and serve with a scoop of ice cream.

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Flockowners News

By Silas J. Little, Jr.

BABY chick time is here again. In looking through a paper the other day I found some interesting information which you will want to know. Based on last year's figures the poultryman with 800 hens made more money per man hour than any other livestock enterprise. Here are the figures:

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$4.16 per hour to the man with with 800 hens.

$3.49 per hour from 40 beef cows.

$2.19 per hour from 5 brood sows, 70 hogs.

$1.05 per hour from 20 dairy cows.

For you poultrymen this means that considering the labor invested you can make more money than any other livestock enterprise.

Summer and hot weather are almost upon us. From the hatchery standpoint this is a serious problem. Did you know that an egg storage room means a difference of 8 to 10 percent in hatchability? On 50,000 eggs this difference costs your Hatchery 5,000 baby chicks or $950.00 each week. We want to give you top price for your eggs and in return we want quality eggs. Joe Harris, our Flock Supervisor, will be visiting you in the next few months to help you plan an egg storage room. Remember, by helping your Hatchery to operate more efficiently we can return more money to you in egg price increases and patron dividends.

In growing your pullets you will save by having clean range, fresh water, and by giving worm treatments during the growing period. Whether you use capsule or worming powder in the mash, don't wait until the worms are there to start. Worming the pullets about once every 30 to 60 days will pay big dividends during the production period. Cover feeders to prevent deterioration of feed by sunlight. If necessary furnish artificial shade for growing birds.

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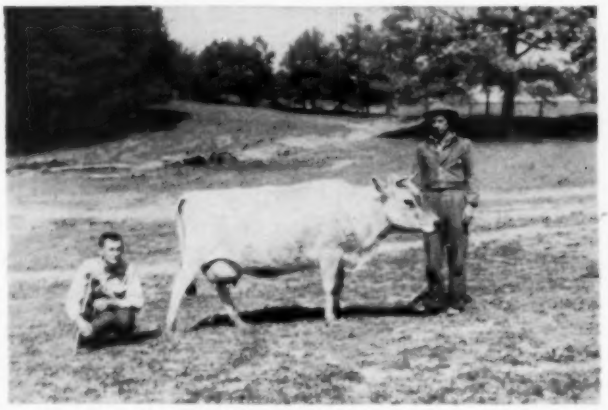

Left to right above are: Carroll Fagan, May's Dairyman of the Month; "Joe," a 12-year-old Jersey producing 40 pounds of milk a day; and Carroll's brother, Ray.

POLK County is the home of our May selection for Dairyman of the Month, who is Carroll Fagan, of Route No. 1, Landrum, S. C. (Although a North Carolinian, he receives his mail through Landrum).

One of many dairymen who are helping build up the county's milk production, Carroll has 60 head of cattle, most of which are Jerseys. As this is written in mid-April, he is milking 29 cows and averaging about three and a half gallons per cow a day.

"This winter was one of the worst we have ever had for milk production," Carroll remarked. No pasture, poor hay, and the unusually dry summer were the main reasons for this, he felt. This last winter his milk production did not quite average two and a half gallons per cow but with the advent of spring it picked up considerably.

Carroll uses artificial breeding to increase his herd's milk record and also keeps two Jersey bulls. One of his first calf heifers is now giving 38 pounds a day, while "Joe," a 12-year-old Jersey, is filling up the pail to the tune of 40 pounds a day.

Of the 208 acres on the farm where he lives with his mother, father, and brother, Carroll has about 75 acres in improved pasture. For spring grazing he has fields of fescue, ladino clover, and orchard grass, and in the fall his cows will feed on rye grass and clemson clover. He is presently building a trench silo which he feels is the most economical type to construct considering the labor and cost involved. In 1949 he and his brother built a 40 x 38 foot dairy barn of cinder blocks.

Afflicted with rheumatism for the past 22 years, Carroll moved to Polk County from Amarillo, Tex., in 1940. In spite of his condition he does a great deal of work on the farm. His cows are among the cleanest and neatest looking seen in a long time. Because of his sanitary methods, his economical management, his hard work, and his earnest desire to help the county become one of the leading milk producing sections in the State, The News takes pleasure in naming Carroll Fagan Dairyman of the Month.

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BROILER PRODUCTION IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

By J. Raymond West - Assistant County Agent

IN the past few years, Western North Carolina has expanded rapidly in the poultry industry, especially in the production of hatching eggs for broiler chicks. The largest part of these egges are produced to supply broiler chicks for other areas.

The poultrymen in Western North Carolina are fortunate in that the climate is ideal for producing high quality eggs the year around, and also, the mild winters and cool nights in the summer are definite advantages in the production of broilers.

The number of broilers produced in this area in 1952 exceeded two and one-half million, an increase of nearly five times the number produced in 1949. Due to expanding markets, there is a need for greater production in broilers.

The outlook for the coming year indicates that the market will be approximately the same as last year. This means the producer will have to practice good management and keep his costs and mortality down to a minimum. Prospects are that feed costs may drop some this year and this will afford some relief.

Broiler houses should provide a sufficient amount of floor space and adequate ventilation. The recommended amount of floor space is three-quarters to one square foot per bird. The trend in housing has been to greater width, with 30-ft. to 40-ft. widths most common, this saves many steps and also enables the use of machinery in cleaning the litter from the house. Plans for a 40-ft. x 100-ft. broiler house are available free of charge from your County Agent's Office, or by writing direct to State College, Raleigh, N. C.

In selecting brooders and other equipment, great care should be taken to get best results. There are many types of brooding systems used and each individual should select the system which he feels will best suit his needs and operation.

Feeders and waterers should be provided in ample number. Provide at least one and one-half inches of feeder space per chick up to five weeks of age and two inches per bird from then to marketing. Glass jars or metal waterers should be used to start the chicks and as soon as practical switch to automatic waterers using at least two four-foot troughs or the equivalent for each 500 chicks.

In order to make money in the broiler business it is necessary to practice good management, use good chicks, and keep the feed conversion (pounds of feed per pound of meat) as low as possible, and keep close watch on the birds in order to keep disease and mortality to a minimum.

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SOUNDING OFF

POLK County was a fascinating county to visit. Its warm climate, friendly people and varied activities make one want to stay on indefinitely, and it's easy to see why Polk County has become such a popular place in which to work and play. Among the many people who generously gave assistance and advice in writing this story were Seth Vining, Editor of the world's smallest daily; George Cooksey, President of the Tryon Chamber of Commerce; Miss Jacqueline Sprinkle, Head Librarian; Paul Culberson, County Agent; Miss Elizabeth Wright, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent; Ben Hingdale, P.M.A. Head; Robert MacFarland, Polk County Clerk; James Gantt, School Superintendent, and many others too numerous to name here. In addition the book, Sketches Of Polk County History, by Sadie Patton, and the newspaper articles of

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PRIVATE TROUT HATCHERY

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cember to May and are the brightest colored trout we raise," Bill pointed out in describing the three kinds maintained on the farm. The pure Western Variety and common Eastern Variety are both available, and at the time of your editor's visit over 150,000 from one to two inches long were swimming in the watershed tanks. For rainbow trout the ideal water temperature is 73 degrees and below.

The most easily caught of all trout, according to Bill, is the brook trout, which is also known as the speckled or native trout. A member of the Charr family, the brook trout has small scales imbedded in its skin. Its coloration results largely from a diet of insects and the liver of horses and cows, which is the same as that of the rainbow trout. Brook trout spawn in September and October and are more cannibalistic than rainbow. They thrive in water where the temperature is 65 degrees and below.

Most hardy of the three kinds is the brown trout which can live in water of 80 degrees temperature and below. Brown trout are the most cautious and cagey of trout and are usually found in minnow-infested streams, where they feed on the bottom.

The Possibility Of Western Cutthroat

It is possible that another kind of trout will be added in June when the western cutthroat will be hatched on a trial basis. More adaptable htna the rainbow but not quite as hardy as the brown, the cutthroat derives its name from two red markings on its throat. Cutthroat eggs will be hatched in June at the Farm.

One of the reasons why it was decided to locate the Trout Farm in Cashiers was that much of Dick Jennings' Mink Farm equipment could be used in feeding the trout. A 50-ton deep freeze contains both the mink and trout food supply which consists primarily of horse and beef liver and heart. The trout are fed 10 to 12 times a day by means of a screened can dipped in the tank. (See cut).

Bill married Pat Kempson, of Bradenton, Fla., in 1946, and now has two children who no doubt will grow up to be avid trout fishermen like their dad. For it's nothing unusual to see Bill Holley, after a long day's work, fly-casting for some of those trout to which he has become so attached.

Wisdom consists of having a great deal to say—and not saying it.

GARDEN NOTES

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cared-for. As the early blooming plants, like Rock Cress, Candy Tuft, and Yellow Alyssum, finish blooming, the tops should be sheared to encourage new growth and make neater plants. Faded blooms on Pansies and other plants should be kept picked off to keep them blooming. Taller plants should be staked early before they fall over and become unsightly. All borders should be weeded, fed and cultivated this month before applying a mulch later in the summer.

By all means, get your flowers "groomed" for the Spring Flower Show, May 14-15, sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs. Plan to attend and bring as many entries as possible.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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Winners In Buncombe Hospital Enrollment

PRIZES were offered for those volunteer workers signing up the largest number of families for hospital insurance in the Buncombe County enrollment. The enrollment went over successfully and closed on April 15, and the following were the six who secured the greatest number of signers: Mrs. Charles Carter, Beaverdam; Mrs. Mitch Snelson, Leicester; T. H. Byers, Fairview; Hall F. Sayles, Oakley; Mrs. O. M. Garrett, Sandy Mush; and Mrs. J. H. Sams, Candler.

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1928 to promote interest in equestrian sports.

25th Horse And Hound Show Held

Always a colorful event, the 1953 Horse and Hound Show held on April 15 at Harmon Field was the twenty-fifth in the series, and as usual, it didn't rain. There were 21 classes staged in the Horse Show, and among the perpetual trophies awarded (they must be won three times for permanent possession) were the Eskdale Farm Trophy, Lynncote Trophy, J. Arthur Reynolds Trophy, Eleanor Moffett Borg Trophy, Margaret Culkin Banning Trophy, Sporting Life Trophy, Candolette Trophy, and Neil Bates Trophy. Horses with braided manes and tails and riders sporting stylish riding habits make the Tryon Horse Show one of the most eye-catching held anywhere. Exhibitors in this show come from such places as Wayzata, Minn.; Metamora, Mich.; Augusta, Ga.; and Cincinnati, Ohio, in addition to cities in North and South Carolina. The Hound Show has also assumed national significance and is considered the second most important hound show in America. Under the direction of Bench Show Judge Guy Horton and Ringmaster Albert Burnette the Walker Hounds were judged in eleven classes, and the winning hounds were paraded in the Horse Show Ring.

Industry In Tryon

Tryon is not primarily known as an industrial town. However, a number of plants have been built up around the city and have made it an important manufacturing center, particularly for users of yarn, hosiery, and thread. One of the oldest and best known industries in Tryon is the Southern Mercerizing Company founded after the end of the first World War. Mercerizing refers to a process that increases the lustre and breaking strength of cotton yarn, making it shrink-proof. The mercerized cotton yarn is used in the manufacture of underwear and hosiery and is sold in tubes, skeins and cones. Over 160 people are employed in the plant which sells the processed yarn to the underwear and hosiery trade. The Tryon Processing Company established in 1937 dyes special type yarns used for decoration purposes in such items as bathing suits, business suits, and argyle socks, while the Kilburn Mill produces sewing thread sold to garment manufacturers. The Adams-Millis Corpor-

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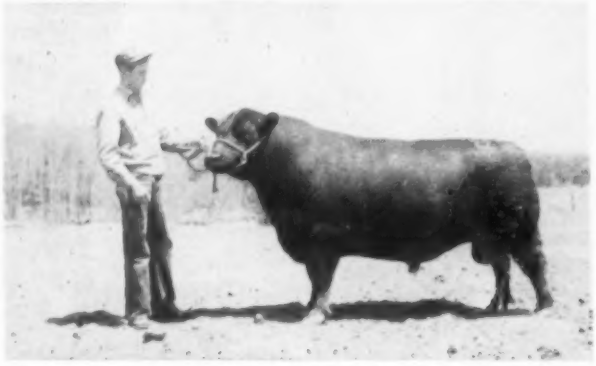
POLK ENTRY IN ENKA ANGUS SALE



The Asheville Promotional Sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle held at Enka, N. C., on April 21 was sponsored by the N. C. Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association. Shown above is Finlarig Elba Elbamar of P.A.F. 1088396 consigned by A. T. Kearney of Tryon, N. C., and sold to D. T. Hyde of Robbinsville, N. C. This bull features the blood of the great sire, Black Bardolier. Jack Phillips is holding the bull.

Trial Organic Orchard In Polk County

An experiment is being conducted near Saluda, N. C., to see if an apple orchard can be cared for without the use of poisonous sprays and fertilizers and still produce healthy fruit.

Directing this experiment with members of his family is Mr. John H. Morse who about a year ago began cutting down brush to see if trees could be grown on the land he bought after retiring as a mechanical engineer. He found apple trees growing and decided to use organic farming methods on a trial basis. Last year the Morse Organic Orchards produced a good crop composed of Stark's Delicious, Rome Beauties, and Stayman Winesaps. He reports that the apples and trees were surprisingly free from disease.

Mr. Morse feels that it will be at least three years before the organic method is proven satisfactory. The process will be slow because only small sections of land can be converted at a time. He feels, however, that the future for this type of farming is promising.

Anyone interested in this experiment should contact John H. Morse at Saluda, N. C. He is also Carolina Agent for the Fitchburg Chipper used in brush disposal.

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ation manufactures seamless and full-fashioned ladies' hosiery. It employs over 200 people and last year had a payroll amounting to almost one million dollars.

In nearby Columbus is one of the most attractive plants to be found anywhere. It is the Hatch Mill Corporation which manufactures lorette, a product made from orlon and wool that is used by garment manufacturers. Its product is used principally in the manufacture of pleated skirts which can be washed without fear of shrinkage. Named for Harold Hatch, a large stockholder in the Deering-Milliken Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Hatch Mill was constructed in 1950 and now produces about 50,000 yards of lorette a week. About 275 persons are employed in the mill which had a one and a quarter million dollar payroll in 1952. One of 30 mills in the Deering-Milliken organization which operates from Maine to Georgia, the Hatch Mill is a fine example of Deering-Milliken's slogan: "More Quality And Progress In More Textiles."

Also located in Columbus is the Southern Woven Label Company which manufactures labels for the apparel trade. It is part of an old firm established in 1906 which has mills in Secaucus and Paterson, N. J.

Polk County Education

"We have made a considerable amount of progress but we have a large job ahead of us to bring our education up to the standard we think Western North Carolina children should have," stated County School Superintendent James Gantt. One of the most important signs of progress was the consolidation of negro schools into one school at a cost of $137,000.00 in November, 1951. The county's educational system is divided into two units: The Tryon Administrative Unit and the Polk County Unit. Accredited high schools are found in Tryon, Saluda, Mill Springs, and Green Creek. Columbus high school students are divided between Tryon and Mill Springs, whichever is more convenient for the student. Improvements recently added in Polk County schools include better sanitation, installation of state-owned and operated transportation, audio-visual education methods, school cafeterias, and better playground facilities. Active P.T.A. groups and an alert Board of Education have aided in keeping Polk County schools well up among the finest in the State.

Varied Agricultural Program

Polk County farmers have come a long way since the founding of the county. The introduction of the co-operative extension service in 1916 did much to help farmers make their land more productive, and today Polk ranks high among counties contributing to North Carolina's breadbasket.

"In 1946 we had only a few dairy farms, but today the county has 82 dairy farmers producing Grade 'A' Milk and 35 turning out Grade 'C' Milk," pointed out Paul Culberson, genial County Agent, who works closely with Polk dairymen to help them realize the greatest return from their investment in time, money, and equipment. Artificial breeding has upped the county's milk produc-

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TRYON AUTO PARTS SERVICE
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POLK COUNTY SITE OF GOAT SHOW

IN May, 1949, the Western Carolinas' Dairy Goat Association was founded to aid and encourage farmers to raise dairy goats, an enterprise which many have taken up with marked success.

Now composed of 21 active members owning over 350 goats, the Association is holding a Goat Show on May 23 at Harmon Field in Tryon where four different breeds will be exhibited. These are the Saanen, the Alpine, the Taggenburg, and the Nubian. These breeds are raised for breeding, meat, and milk purposes.

Mrs. Carl Sandburg of Flat Rock, N. C., VicePresident of the National Organization, is one of the pioneers of Carolina goat-raising, and helped Mrs. E. P. Hall of Columbus, N. C., start the Western Carolinas' Association.

Mrs. Hall reports there will be exhibitors from Polk, Rutherford, and Henderson Counties, in addition to several South Carolina Counties, and urges all goat raisers to write her at Columbus, N. C., concerning the May 23 Show.

Allan Rogers, widely known judge at goat shows, is coming from Maryland to pick the outstanding entries in the Tryon Show.

"We are taking in a number of new members and expect our association to grow considerably during the next few years," Mrs. Hall stated. She said there are two commercial dairies which now buy and distribute goats' milk

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SOUNDING OFF

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C. C. Rogers were very useful in gathering historical data. It is hoped that readers of The News will soon visit Polk County themselves; it is highly likely that many of them would also contract Polk County "fever."

In the March issue of The News the picture caption under Eskdale Baron's Cavalier (Page 25) listed Sir Walter's Pearl's butterfat record as 390 pounds. This should have read 690 pounds.

The next special issue of The News will probably deal with the Cherokee Indian Reservation. This issue has been tentatively set for July.

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tion considerably. Over 480 cows were artificially bred in 1952 while the 1953 goal is at least 600 cows.

R. L. Shuford, of Columbus, owner of a registered Jersey herd, was awarded certificates by the N. C. Jersey Breeders Association for the highest average milk production and highest average butterfat production in the State in 1952. The News' Dairyman of the Month, Carroll Fagan, is another successful Polk dairyman whose achievements are described elsewhere in this issue.

Sheep And Goat Raising

Over 35 farmers raise beef cattle in the county and there are seven whose main income is from swine. There is some sheep-raising but this industry has not grown because of heavy losses due to dog attacks. A number of farmers have taken to raising goats, and the Western Carolina Dairy Goat Association, which will hold a show in Tryon on May 23, has been formed to encourage and give aid to newcomers in this field.

Polk County's poultry industry is growing. There are now 12 hatching egg producers and 15 poultrymen raising broiler flocks. The Wilcox Commercial Hatchery has achieved national recognition for its egg production and is setting the pace for all Polk County poultrymen.

Best Cotton Yield Since 1945

Cotton, peaches and small grains constitute the county's best cash crops. In spite of last summer's drought the cotton yield averaging over a bale an acre was the best since 1945. Peach production was a principal source of county income with over 800 acres of trees bearing fruit. The acreage and yields of small grains have increased considerably over the past few years. Over 900 new acres were seeded in 1952, the largest acreage ever planted. Although not as large as it used to be, the county's grape production is still considerable, and Tryon vineyards continue to be known for fine quality grapes year after year.

Only 1.7 acres of burley tobacco were marketed in 1952. Turkish tobacco seems to be well adapted to Polku County soil and its quality should increase in coming years.

Pioneer 4-H Club Project

Polk County was the first in the State to inaugurate (in 1945) a 4-H Club Calf Chain project which has done a great deal to interest the county's club members and future farmers in the possibilities of beef and dairy cattle raising. Under the capable direction of County Agent Culberson and Assistant Home Demonstration Agent Elizabeth Wright over 700 4-H Club members are engaged in various farming activities throughout the county. An active Home Demonstration group which played host at a Spring Federation Meeting for five county groups at Mill Springs on May 6 has organized 16 clubs which hold monthly meetings. Among the projects recently carried out were the Red Cross Drive, a First Aid, Training Schools on Civil Defense, and dissemination of cancer literature. A home demonstration chorus is now being organized.

Others aiding Polk County's agricultural program are Ben Hinsdale, P.M.A. Head, and Carl Whitlow, who directs S.C.S. activities.

Tryon Today

A walk down Trade Street through the center of town will convince the most skeptical visitor that Tryon is a busy little community whose stores and shops contain all that is necessary to make life in Polk County as pleasant as one would ever want it. Built at a cost of $100,000.00 and opened in November, 1929, St. Luke's Hospital is considered one of the most modern and well equipped hospitals in Western North Carolina. The Lanier Library containing over 14,000 volumes is maintained by the Lanier Club, a women's organization named for the poet and founded in 1890 that now has over 550 members. The Tryon Garden Club, which began activities in 1927, takes pride in its purchase of Pearson's Falls which it maintains as a wild flower sanctuary. Several fine civic clubs meet weekly and take an active interest in all administrative affairs. Among improvements made about the town in the last few years are new sidewalks, a new fire truck, new water mains, and a remodeled jail. Town Manager C. O. Smith is planning another "improvement" program to obtain additional parking facilities, a better garbage disposal system, and increased fire protection. Churches of 11 denominations are located throughout the town.

Unique Newspaper And Distinctive Shops

The world's smallest daily newspaper is located in Tryon. The Tryon Daily Bulletin which recently celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday is edited by Seth M. Vining who has been its only editor. Printed on paper 5x8½ inches, The Bulletin is an institution all by itself. In an informal, chatty style, the paper gives all the news about everyone and everything that happens in Tryon and Polk County. Tomorrow a native of Timbuktu may be reading The Bulletin since Editor Vining reports there are readers all over the world.

The Toy House run by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Guilbert is one of the most unusual shops in Tryon. Opened in 1936 by Miss Eleanor Vance and Miss Charlotte Yale, founders of Biltmore Industries in Asheville, this little house with workshop and salesroom adjoining is where Mr. and Mrs. Guilbert make wooden toys that capture the fancy of children and adults alike. Blocks, puzzles, swings, trains, airplanes, rocking horses and eye-catching Christmas Tree ornaments are but part of their high quality output. Believing that all toys should be durable, creative, and beautiful, Mr. and Mrs. Guilbert delight in showing visitors how their unusual toys are made. A visit to Tryon is incomplete without a few minutes spent at the Toy House.

Other interesting shops to visit are the Blue Ridge Weavers Shop, the Red Bird Associates, the Tack Shop, and the Valhalla Hand Weavers, the latter located on the western edge of town. Mrs. Caroline Hale, Manager of Red Bird Associates, has an unusual business that features items made by people with special skills. Furniture and ceramics are only part of the many attractive things on display. This shop is the sole representative in this area for Georg Jensen, an importing house that deals in perfumes, silver, and china. Interior decorating is an important part of Mrs. Hale's work, and she is especially glad to help young married people with a limited budget decorate their homes at low cost.

The Valhalla Hand Weavers offer a pleasing line of gifts made by hand or on old-fashioned looms. Quality comes first at Valhalla, a name taken from an old Norse legend meaning "home of the gods" or place of refuge. Located in a valley between the Blue Ridge Mountains, this shop has a very appropriate name. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence have spent over 30 years producing and distributing homemade gift items in this section of North Carolina.

There is a great deal that's different about Tryon and Polk County. Its unusual thermal belt; its colorful history; its varied industry and farm activities; its original stores, shops, and newspaper, all add up to an area that's just a little different from most other places.

To appreciate fully the uniqueness of this progressive vacationland it is necessary to spend a few weeks and explore the county firsthand. It probably wouldn't take that long for most people to want to become permanent residents of the enchanting land of work and play.

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The Country Church With The Lord's Acre Plan

By Rev. Dumont Clarke

Continued Progress In The Lord's Acre Work

DANA Baptist Church, Henderson County, Rev. M. L. Lewis, pastor, has had an outstanding record in the use of the Lord's Acre plan for many years. The church building and parsonage have been constructed through the Lord's Acre program with much volunteer help.

Each year the church has had a group Lord's Acre project of sweet potatoes in addition to individual projects. The sale of the potatoes is regularly made after storage in the Herbert Pace Curing House at the close of the marketing season. Some 350 bushels of No. 1 potatoes are ready for the market. The No. 2 potatoes have already been disposed of. Last year's return was $1,021.00.

The potato slips for this year's project have been bedded and plans are being made for the planting in late April or in May. Each year the planting is accomplished with some twenty-five or thirty people at work during the day. Dinner on the grounds is an enjoyable feature.

Negro Church Reaps Good Return

FREEDOM Presbyterian Church in Iredell County is one of the oldest of the Negro churches in Western North Carolina. Our Church last year had very successful results from the use of the Lord's Acre plan. We gained $650.00 from our dedicated cotton, sweet potatoes and Sunday eggs. We plan to go forward with such projects year by year till we have sufficient funds for the construction of a new church building. **J. S. Stephenson.**

Worthy Projects Started By Three Youth Groups

HAYWOOD County churches have three notable youth Lord's Acre projects this year. All three of these group projects are in onions. Arrangements have been made with W. D. Ketner for marketing the crops as spring onions in Florida.

All three of the groups are repeating from past year's successful projects. The Elizabeth Chapel M.Y.F. will continue to aid in church property improvement. The Mount Zion Baptist Church Boys' Club, which has constructed a nursery in the church, plans to complete the payment for this construction from this year's crop. The M.Y.F. of Francis Cove Methodist Church will use the proceeds from their project toward the cost of the construction of the new church building.

Some Lord's Acre Briefs

Rev. Dr. George S. Wood, of Henderson District in far-western Kentucky, called the Director of the Religious Department by long-distance telephone, saying: "Will you fly out to make a Lord's Acre presentation on Sunday, March 29?" The presentation was made to a packed church. The plane trip, going and coming, was made with amazing quickness.

"The Progressive Farmer," in the April issue of the magazine, carried a full page on the Lord's Acre plan, with a lovely color picture of young workers and a stimulating article by Associate Editor, William C. LaRue.

Jerry and Jimmy Penland, of Oak Forest Methodist Church, Clay County, turned in $40.00 from their Lord's Acre pig.

Scripture-Prayer Verse For May

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. I Corinthians 15:58a.

LISTENING TO GOD — I

IF Jesus were here in person on earth today, untold multitudes would **listen** with inexpressible eagerness to His words. We read in the Scriptures of the intensive listening of His disciples: "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." Jesus Himself taught the importance of thoughtful, eager listening: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Actually, we can, if we will, listen to Jesus and listen to the whole teaching of Scripture if we will let God speak to our minds and hearts **through His words implanted in our memory.** This practice can be made a means of great spiritual joy, guidance, comfort and strength.

Mr. Clarke

Rev. Alan Richardson writes: "We shall come to regard prayer not so much as the way in which we talk to God and inform Him of our needs and desires, but rather as the opportunity for God to speak to us and to acquaint us with His will . . . Our prayer should be a listening to what God has to say to us through the Bible; otherwise we tend to become preoccupied with our own feelings and mental state—which is fatal."*

Whatever one's spiritual need may be, the greatest help can come through listening to some blessed, applicable word of God. How wonderful to experience the love of Christ and to manifest His love through listening to His words: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another!" What spiritual driving power comes to us as we hear in our hearts the words of Paul: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might!" And in time of sorrow, what a comfort it is to hear the blessed words: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms!"

These blessed values of listening to God are effectively developed in the Scripture-Prayer plan fostered by the Religious Department of Farmers Federation.

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*"A Preface To Bible Study." The Westminster Press.

Part of a group of 31 workers of Dana Baptist Church at planting of two acres of Lord's Acre sweet potato slips in 1952. See article above.

The harvest of a crop of Lord's Acre potatoes brought $120.00 to Riceville Presbyterian Church in Buncombe County.

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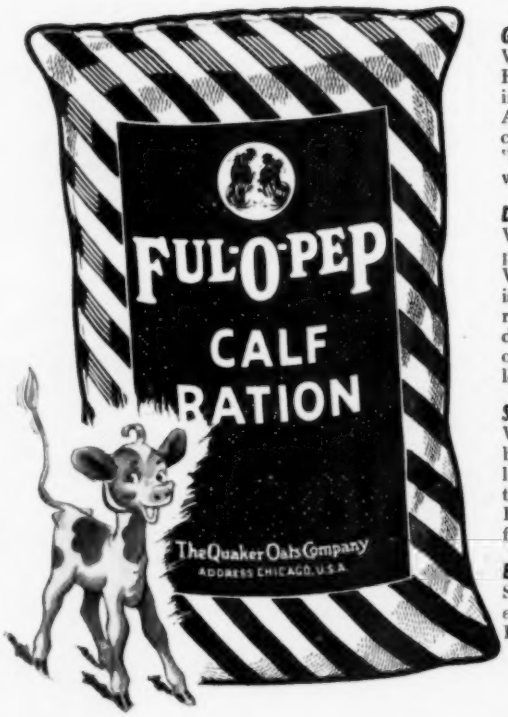

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